

House Resolution No. 1496

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

Whereas, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Ernest Bennett, Jr. lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Betty Hicks, during a solemn ceremony on February 22, 1957, in Hernando, Mississippi; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Ernest and Betty Bennett have had the pleasure of raising seven children, Jeneva Tyler, Crystal McNeal, and Tina Lutes of Naylor, Neena Hicks of Imperial, Angela Broege of Poplar Bluff, Jeanette Stanfill of Fredericktown, and Kathy D'Amore of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and the privilege of spoiling fifteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Ernest Bennett has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving nearly fifty years as a General Baptist Preacher and being a backhoe operator since 1952 and a former co-owner and operator of a contracting business in St. Louis; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Betty Bennett further distinguished herself as a co-owner and operator of a contracting business in St. Louis; and

Whereas, Ernest and Betty Bennett have enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the years, a few of which include hunting, fishing, traveling, attending church, and spending time with their loved ones; and

Whereas, Ernest and Betty Bennett derive a tremendous amount of spiritual fulfillment through their affiliation with Word of Life General Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff, where the Reverend Bennett serves as Pastor; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett of Naylor commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their children on March 27, 2007, in the Fellowship Hall at New Home General Baptist Church in Poplar Bluff:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Ernest and Betty Bennett and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reverend and Mrs. Ernest Bennett, Jr.

Offered by _____
Representative Mike Dethrow
District No. 153

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 1496, adopted March 27, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker